GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:247
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2008
SETTING UP OF BIOTECHNOLOGY PARKS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of biotechnology parks presently functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up more such parks in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has prepared any comprehensive policy for promotion of biotechnology in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES(KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 247 BY SHRIMATI KIRAN MAHESHWARI AND SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA REGARDING SETTING UP OF BIOTECHNOLOGY PARKS TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2008

(a) to (e) Four biotechnology parks, presently functioning in the country, are located one each in the States of Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow) and Andhra Pradesh (Hyderabad) and two in Tamilnadu(Chennai). Considering the importance of biotechnology parks for the growth of the biotechnology industry, Government plans to promote and support at least ten biotechnology parks by 2010, depending upon the feasibility of the proposals received from the State Governments. Proposals of Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Gujarat have already been supported by the Government. The proposals of Assam and Orissa are in the planning stage by the respective State Governments. For facilitating the speedy growth of biotechnology in the country, Government has put in place a comprehensive National Biotechnology Development Strategy. The Strategy is to provide a road map for development of quality human resource, establishing an ecosystem of discovery and innovation, strengthening intellectual property regime that promotes innovation, promotion of research & development in small and medium enterprises, public private partnerships, setting up of world class regulatory mechanism and creation of new interdisciplinary institutions in critical areas that cover biology, medicine, chemical and bioengineering, physics,bioinformatics and nano biotechnology.